

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN ERNEST BERGSAGEL**, on February 11, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 317 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ernest Bergsagel, Chairman (R)
Sen. Tom A. Beck, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. J.D. Lynch (D)
Rep. Matt McCann (D)
Sen. Chuck Swysgood (R)
Rep. Tom Zook (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Cassandra Drynan, Committee Secretary
Jane Hamman, OBPP
Pam Joehler, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: None

Executive Action: **HOUSE BILL 5 & 14** - LONG RANGE
BUILDING PROGRAM

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 5 AND 14

Motion: SEN. SWYSGOOD moved to APPROVE \$2,900,000 IN BONDS AND \$6,475,000 IN FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE WOMEN'S PRISON IN BILLINGS.

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Discussion: CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL stated that approving this motion would change the bonding levels that were authorized for the Men's Prison and that if the committee approved he would adjust the numbers in HB 5 & 14 to accommodate the motion. The committee concurred. SEN. LYNCH spoke in strong opposition to the motion. Discussion followed.

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Vote: The question was called for on SEN. SWYSGOOD'S motion. Motion carried with SEN. LYNCH and CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL voting no.

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DISCUSSION CONCERNING MONT PRIME

CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL discussed how the Department of Administration (DOA) had spent the money for Mont Prime and the committee's concerns over this.

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Ms. Lois Menzies, Director of the Department of Administration, explained the rationale behind the Mont Prime expenditures. She then stated that there was a misunderstanding between the department and the legislature as to how the Mont Prime money was to be spent.

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CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL agreed that there was a misunderstanding, and commented that the budgets for the Department of Administration and the Department of Agriculture should have been increased to pay for operational costs so that they did not have to be paid for out of bonded money. Ms. Menzies responded.

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REP. ZOOK agreed that the department should have paid for personnel training out of the agency budgets. Ms. Menzies responded. Discussion followed.

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CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL asked if the Department of Administration could use the Department of Revenue's accounts receivable system and if the DOA had already purchased their system. Ms. Menzies responded.

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SEN. LYNCH voiced his concern over the fact that the Department of Revenue could not interface with the Department of Administration's system and that they had to go to New Delhi India

to get their technology. **Ms. Mary Bryson**, Department of Revenue, responded that the DOA's accounts receivable system was not sophisticated enough for the DOR's purposes. Discussion followed.

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CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL asked what would happen to the Department of Revenue if **HB 15** was not approved. **Ms. Bryson** responded that the department would be operating with less efficiency and would be back at a later date asking for more funds.

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Ms. Menzies explained two money saving benefits of Mont Prime. Discussion followed concerning reductions in Full Time Employees and projected savings.

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Motion/Vote: **SEN. SWYSGOOD** moved to **ELIMINATE \$125,000 IN CASH ONLY FUNDING FOR THE PARENTING POD AT THE WOMEN'S PRISON IN BILLINGS**. Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion/Vote: **REP. ZOOK** moved that **HB 5 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED EXHIBIT(jlh34a01)**. Motion carried with **SEN. LYNCH** voting no.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. SWYSGOOD** moved that **HB 14 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED, EXHIBIT(jlh34a02)**. Motion carried with **SEN. LYNCH** voting no.

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Discussion: Concerning **HB 15**, the Banner system and Mont Prime. **Ms. Hamman** distributed **EXHIBIT(jlh34a03)**, amendments to **HB 15**. **Ms. Menzies** distributed **EXHIBIT(jlh34a04)**, Montana Prime Operations Bureau facts and figures.

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EXHIBIT(jlh34a05) - updated list of the Long Range Building Program's cash and bonded projects.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:00 A.M.

REP. ERNEST BERGSAGEL, Chairman

CASSANDRA DRYNAN, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (j1h34aad)